

II) REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to claims 30, 31, 39 and 40 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant has amended claims 30 and 31 to recite the positive steps in method format. Applicant has also cancelled claims 39 and 40. Applicant now believes that this objection has been overcome.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14-16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28 and 30-49 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 30-130 of copending Application No. 10/608,736. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection Over a Pending Second Application, which Applicant believes will overcome this provisional rejection.

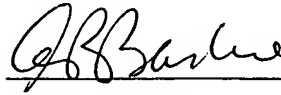
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The Examiner has also rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14-16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28 and 30-49 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,640. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent, which Applicant believes will overcome this provisional rejection.

Applicant thus submits that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree

with the Applicants' position, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'ARBarkume', is written over a horizontal line.

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